

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 905

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate G. Matthew (Matt) Marlatt of Siegel High School on winning the Milken Educator Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers and administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, G. Matthew (Matt) Marlatt of Siegel High School in Rutherford County is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlatt was recently honored with the Milken Educator Award, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as an educator as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial rewards to school teachers, principals, and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education; by honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, develop, motivate, and retain talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, in a surprise ceremony on November 4, 2009, Matt Marlatt was presented this prestigious award, including a check for \$25,000, in front of his fellow colleagues and the student body of Siegel High School; and

WHEREAS, employed by Rutherford County Schools since 1997, Matt Marlatt began his career as an English teacher at Central Middle School before transferring to Siegel Middle School and then to the new Siegel High School in 2003; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Mr. Marlatt has served on the Language Arts Curriculum Committee and the Summer Reading Selection Committee and has played a

significant role in decision-making opportunities involving language arts course development; and

WHEREAS, a former Siegel High School Teacher of the Year, Mr. Marlatt chairs the International Baccalaureate Committee, the Writing Assessment Committee, and the Professional Learning Committee for Junior English; and

WHEREAS, a highly motivated and enthusiastic educator who is frequently observed and consulted by college students planning a career in education, Mr. Marlatt tenaciously pursues improvement in his own classroom instruction by staying in tune with current instructional or curricular trends; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by the writing scores and test results of his students, Matt Marlatt is an extremely talented and compassionate educator, who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlatt truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Matt Marlatt truly epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate G. Matthew (Matt) Marlatt of Siegel High School on winning the Milken Educator Award, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.